

Syria, Turkey, Iran discuss Kurds

DAMASCUS (AP) — Turkey, Iran and Syria held talks here Sunday focusing on moves to counter Kurdish attempts to gain greater autonomy in the region and stem inter-Kurdish fighting in northern Iraq. The three neighbouring countries' foreign ministers, Muammar Soysal of Turkey, Ali Alkhar Velayati of Iran and Faruk Al Sharif of Syria, were scheduled to have one day of meetings. Mr. Soysal told reporters before the meeting that "the main issue on the table is the situation in northern Iraq." He said all three governments wanted to see a halt to the inter-Kurdish strife that has beset the autonomous Kurdish enclave in northern Iraq and reportedly left scores dead. Several attempts at a ceasefire in recent months have apparently failed to end clashes. "We have a common interest: the ending of this fighting," said Mr. Soysal. He added that "our approach to the ending of this fighting is different from the approach of others," he said, without elaborating. Turkish diplomatic sources in Damascus also said Ankara's intensification of a bloody crackdown on the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) is high on the agenda.

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King: Decision on ties with Palestinians only after they gain their democratic rights

Hashemite links with Jerusalem predate the establishment of Jordan and Israel

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein has said that it was premature to say anything about the future relations between Jordan and the Palestinian territories.

"First the Palestinians should gain their democratic rights and afterwards we will see what we can do. So let us leave it to time to settle this problem, and we will respect the free choice of the Palestinians regardless of what decision they take," King Hussein said in an interview with the German *Der Spiegel* magazine.

The King said that the special relations binding the Hashemite family to Jerusalem and the holy shrines date back to the era before the establishment of Israel and the Kingdom of Jordan, and that the Washington Declaration only affirms this reality rather than establishing it.

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Jordan seeks just peace

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Jordanian Armed Forces, stressed Sunday that Jordan was seeking to achieve a just and durable peace acceptable to future generations.

Addressing a meeting of senior officers at the Royal Jordanian Air Force held at the Air Force headquarters, the King said: "We are now at the threshold of a new era in which we will be in need of our Air Force and the Armed Forces which must be well aware of its duty and responsibility in the coming stage."

"Our efforts are continuing to overcome the difficult stage so as to attain a better future," the King added.

The recent developments at the political level, which prompted Jordan to take cer-

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Palestinian police kill Gazan youth

GAZA (R) — Palestinian police in the Gaza Strip shot dead a 15-year-old boy returning from a wedding apparently by accident, Palestinian sources and Israeli radio said Sunday. The radio said Salah Al Shaar was shot during a scuffle on Saturday night in Rafah refugee camp, after police stopped a car carrying youngsters from a wedding. Palestinian sources said the shooting appeared to be an accident. The police commander in Rafah told community leaders all seven members of the police patrol had been detained pending investigation. The mayor of Rafah complained by telephone to Yasser Arafat.

Arafat, Mubarak discuss self-rule

ALEXANDRIA (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak examined problems hampering self-rule at talks here Sunday on the eve of a last PLO-Israeli push to clinch a deal on an early transfer of powers to the West Bank. Mr. Arafat arrived in Egypt Sunday from Tunis, where he met PLO officials at his former headquarters to review the political and economic problems facing self-rule (see page 12). The PLO leader's talks with Mr. Mubarak in the port city of Alexandria were aimed at removing "obstacles" hindering the Palestinian authority's work in Gaza and Jericho, and issues related to an early deal meant for the authority, a Palestinian official said.

"But we insist that the (self-rule) agreement gives us the right to carry our arms," said the official, who requested anonymity.

"We reject an Israeli prop-

Row over arms delays self-rule corridor opening

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — A row over Palestinians carrying weapons through Israel has delayed the opening of passages between the new self-rule areas of Gaza and Jericho, Palestinian and Israeli security officials said on Sunday.

The first of four secure routes between the Gaza Strip and West Bank enclave of Jericho was to have opened on Sunday.

But Israel objects to Palestinians keeping their weapons as they cross the

seal that weapons of PLO leaders and distinguished personalities be transported in an Israeli vehicle accompanying their cars," he said.

Israeli negotiator Danany Rothschild said that Israel would not permit the passage of armed Palestinians between Gaza and Jericho.

"It is clear to the Palestinians that we will not allow the passage of armed men through the territory of the state of Israel," Gen. Rothschild told Israeli radio.

PLO negotiator Nahil Shaath said after talks with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in Alexandria, Egypt, last week that Israel would open passages on Sunday.

Under the May autonomy accord Israel guaranteed safe passage during daylight for people and vehicles with permits across the roughly 50 kilometres of Israeli territory separating Gaza from the southern end of the West Bank.

"Israel was supposed to secure the use of safe pas-

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Palestinians, Israel plan to buy oil from Iraq, report says

KUWAIT (AP) — The Palestinians are negotiating a deal with Iraq to purchase oil at discount prices despite the U.N. embargo on Baghdad, a Kuwaiti newspaper reported Sunday.

The source said the deal would save the authority \$195 million a year by not having to purchase petroleum products on the more expensive Israeli market.

The source repeated assertions made in Israeli newspapers of secret contacts in Europe between Israel and Iraq over a deal involving oil sales and diplomatic ties. The deal would allow Baghdad, which is desperately seeking an end to the economically devastating embargo, to win favour in the West.

Both Israel and Iraq have denied any contact, and Israeli media have since reported that U.S. opposition to the dialogue has brought it to an end.

But Al Siyassah quoted the source as saying the Jewish state can buy 25,000 barrels of oil a day for local consumption.

The source suggested that Iraq would charge a higher price to the Israelis than to the Palestinians. But he added the domestic use stipulation "would be tempor-

ary because Israelis aspire in the foreseeable future" to make their Mediterranean port of Haifa the main outlet for Iraqi oil to Europe.

He said a Jordanian marine company has already examined possibilities of restarting an old and disused Iraqi pipeline that used to pump oil from Iraq across Jordan to Haifa.

Pakistani offer

Pakistan has offered to mediate between Iraq and Kuwait in an attempt to end the sanctions against Baghdad, news reports said Sunday.

The offer was made to Iraq's Foreign Minister Mohammad Saeed Al Sahaf, who is visiting Pakistan as part of a sweep through the capitals of several countries on the U.N. Security Council (see page 2).

"We are the only country in the region which has excellent relations with both Kuwait and Iraq," the English-language newspaper the Dawn quoted Pakistan's Foreign Minister Sardar Asif Ali as saying.

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According to army figures obtained by AFP, between May 4 and Aug. 13, 1994, nine petrol bombs were thrown, compared with 283 in the previous three months.

Over the same period there were 55 shootings, against 77 before, and six stabbings compared with 14.

Four bombs were set off, against 52 before autonomy, and only three grenades were thrown, compared with nine before.

Tishrin also accused the PLO leadership of abandoning Palestinian rights and forking the lives of those who fought Israel in favour of an "illusive authority which has no existence in reality."

Security forces did not im-

mediately confirm the attack.

It came as president

Lamine Zeroual opened a

meeting Sunday with five

opposition parties in a new

effort to end the crisis pitting

the country against itself.

Three parties invited to the



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Fatah links charter change to state

TUNIS (R) — Yasser Arafat's Fatah group, pitching demands for a Palestinian state back in centre stage, is to insist that Israel recognises such a state if it wants the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to purge its charter of clauses calling for the destruction of Israel. Sakhri Abu Nizar, a member of Fatah's Central Committee, said the decision had been taken on Saturday night at a meeting in Tunis chaired by the PLO leader who returned from the self-rule areas to discuss the issue with Palestinians still in exile (see page 12). "The charter cannot be amended without Israel's recognition of a Palestinian state. We cannot recognise Israel's right to exist without reciprocation which is Israel's recognition of the existence of a Palestinian state," Mr. Abu Nizar, a Fatah moderate who attended the meeting, told Reuters on Sunday. "Our decision was that Israeli forces should first redeploy in the West Bank, he replaced by Palestinian police, then there would be elections, then the Palestinian National Council would meet and discuss both the charter's amendment and proclamation of Palestinian independence," Abu Nizar said.



His Majesty King Hussein on Sunday addresses Royal Jordanian Air Force officers (Armed Forces photo)

Majali: No tension with PLO

Jordan-PLO talks open in an air of goodwill

By Nermene Murad
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordanian and Palestinian officials began meetings here Sunday after months of suspended coordination between the two sides with a new spirit of goodwill that Jordanian officials hope will spill over positively into their specialised economic, political, administrative and security talks.

The high-level Palestinian delegation, headed by Minister of Culture and Information Yasser Abed Rabbo, met with Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali early Sunday before breaking up into four committees that will try to deal with outstanding problems between the two sides and especially on the economic level. The talks continued later Sunday and were to resume Monday.

He said the accord states that "special arrangements will apply with respect to passage of Palestinian leaders, senior police and security officials have the right to carry arms," he added.

"That is why we insist that PLO leaders, senior police and security officials have the right to carry arms," he added.

Gen. Rothschild said meanwhile Israel and the PLO will initial an accord in Cairo this week on the early transfer of power to the Palestinians in the West Bank.

Under the May autonomy accord Israel guaranteed safe passage during daylight for people and vehicles with permits across the roughly 50 kilometres of Israeli territory separating Gaza from the southern end of the West Bank.

One or two more days may be needed to draft the accord, Gen. Rothschild told Israeli radio.

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Ahmad Bayoud Al Tamimi, and the head of the Palestinian side to the Israeli-Palestinian coordination committee, Jamil Tarif.

Speaking to reporters after a round of talks Sunday morning, Dr. Majali said he hoped for "pragmatism in addressing the serious issues so that we are able to achieve our objectives."

Dr. Majali denied that there was "tension" as such between the Palestinian and Jordanian sides, but he said there was "difference in opinion sometimes over a particular subject."

"There is no tension between the two sides," Dr. Majali said. "We are brothers... sometimes there is a difference in opinion over a particular subject, but it doesn't turn into tension, because tension would hurt both sides."

Relations between Jordan and the Palestinian leadership have been strained since the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) secretly reached an agreement with Israel in Oslo marginalising both its own negotiating team to the bilateral talks and Jordan, which was providing an umbrella for the Israeli

Palestinian negotiations.

But despite its dismay at the PLO's move, Jordan had tried to reconcile itself to the Oslo accords and has repeatedly called on the Palestinians to coordinate their moves with the Kingdom.

The PLO, since then, has made only "cursory attempts" to coordinate steps leading the Kingdom to also pursue its own interests with Israel, especially since the PLO had stalled over signing an economic pact with Jordan which would have protected the Jordanian dinar, the main currency in the occupied territories, and preserved the Kingdom's trade interests with the West Bank.

When Jordan signed its non-belligerency declaration with Israel last month, including a recognition of Jordan's special role in guarding the Islamic holy sites in Jerusalem, the PLO went public with its criticism of Jordan.

Jordanian officials contacted by the Jordan Times said the Palestinian delegation, which arrived here early Sunday, appeared to be ready to be "more pragmatic" in its dealings with Jordan.

One senior Jordanian offi-

cial said he did not know whether the team had a mandate from PLO leadership to conclude agreements, but that the tone of their meeting with Dr. Majali appeared "encouraging."

"They have told us that now that they have tried and found out how difficult it is to take control of their own affairs, they understand why we were insisting on coordination," one Jordanian source told the Jordan Times on condition of anonymity.

"We think that their experience with running the affairs of the self-rule authority has made them understand that sometimes political dreams cannot easily translate into reality," the official said.

"We have a feeling that this time we will actually get down to what has to be done and leave behind us the times of unnecessary sensitivities," said another official who also spoke on condition of anonymity.

One of the main contentions between Jordan and the Palestinians was over the Palestinian perception that Jordan was hindering their

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Israel reports drop in violence after autonomy

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Three months of Palestinian autonomy in the Gaza Strip have seen a dramatic drop in attacks on Israelis there, an Israeli general was quoted as saying Sunday.

Israel Radio quoted Major General Matan Vilnai, the southern commander, as saying there were 120 armed attacks in the three months prior to the Israeli pullout on May 18, 40 in the three months since.

Gen. Vilnai was responding to Israeli critics of the peace process who have said recently that attacks have increased since the

Carlos capture unleashes anti-Sudan media frenzy

CAIRO (Agencies) — The arrest of Carlos the Jackal has presented the Egyptian media with a golden opportunity to heap accusations on Khartoum over Sudan's alleged links to "international terrorism."

For the past five days the media has had a field day, joining forces to highlight the "special ties" between Carlos and the Islamic junta led by General Omar Al Bashir.

Egypt accuses Sudan of training Islamic extremists on its territory and relations between the two countries have also been severely strained over a border dispute.

"The Sudanese regime, not content with terrorising its people (...) also thought it could terrorise the whole world by exporting terrorism through mercenaries who are trained to 'steal and to kill,'" said Ibrahim Seada, editor of the weekly *Akhbar Al Yom*, in a comment Saturday.

He added that Carlos had arrived in Sudan from Beirut at the end of 1993.

Sudan's call to the United States to strike it from a blacklist of countries supporting "terrorism" after it handed Carlos over to France was dismissed in the press here as "nonsense."

And the U.S. decision to ignore the demand, despite the international acclaim for Carlos' capture, was warmly welcomed in the Egyptian capital.

State television broadcast four times on Friday a secret recording to Carlos apparently living it up at a party in Khartoum.

The hidden camera had caught Carlos "surrounded by beautiful women at parties where the alcohol flowed freely," the commentator

said.

It stressed that this "contradicts the Sudanese regime, which claims to enforce Sharia" or Islamic law, under which alcohol is strictly forbidden.

Shortly after the arrest of Carlos the daily *Al Ahram Al Massai* wrote: "Sudan has to stop sheltering all the terrorists and not just one," if it wanted the West to recognise it and be taken off the "terrorism" blacklist.

The newspaper quoted a Sudanese doctor in Cairo as saying Carlos had been admitted to a private hospital in Khartoum and that French agents seized him after he was rendered unconscious by anaesthetic.

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The daily *Al Ahram* published an editorial Friday by Ibrahim Nafee, who is close to Mr. Mubarak, saying that "according to recent and precise information, Iran forced Sudan to extradite Carlos to France."

The move was a trade-off for the "extradition of two Iranian leaders by France to Iran."

In December France extradited to Iran two Iranian nationals wanted by Switzerland to face charges for the murder of an Iranian opposition leader, Kameh Rajavi.

The rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) has accused France of providing Khartoum with military assistance in exchange for Carlos, and charged that Sudan "remains one of the nerve-centres of modern terrorism."

But Sudan has strongly de-

nied that any deal was done to clinch the arrest, and has said the extradition was in "observance of international conventions."

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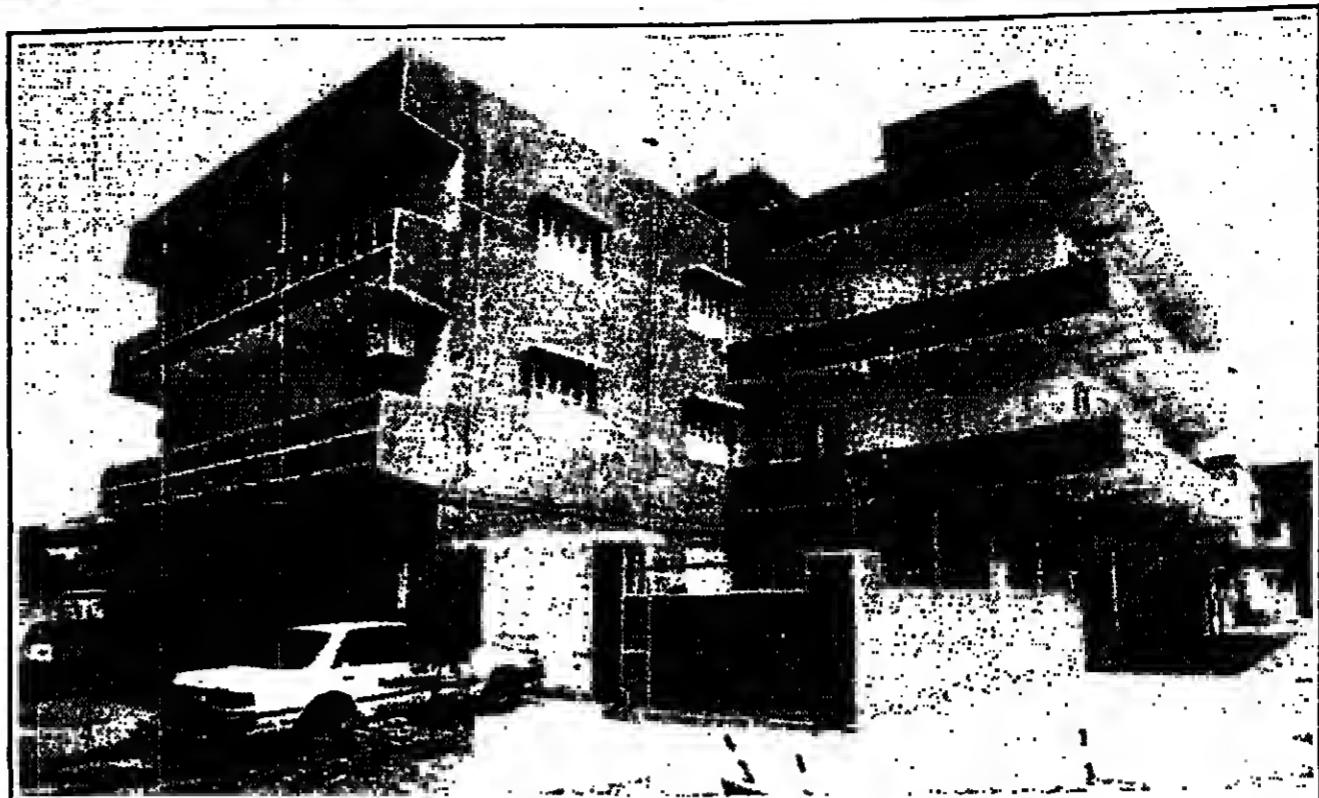
The *Observer* said the dumpy Carlos had been admitted to a hospital run by Ibrahim Nafee, who is close to Mr. Mubarak, saying that "according to recent and precise information, Iran forced Sudan to extradite Carlos to France."

But once he was anaesthetised, French agents took him away.

Authorities have not said how Carlos was arrested and there has been intense speculation about who told authorities where he was and that the French government persuaded the Sudanese to extradite him.

Lawyers for the Venezuela-born Carlos say he was arrested illegally and that he was dragged.

France and Sudan have repeatedly denied any deal in the capture of Carlos, who bombed his way to a gruesome notoriety in the 1970s and 1980s.



A picture taken on Aug. 20 of the apartment complex where Carlos lived in Khartoum (AFP photo)

Iraq is ready to agree on U.N. deal

ISLAMABAD (R) — Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammad Saeed Al Sahaf told Pakistan on Saturday that Baghdad was ready to agree on a package to have the U.N. Gulf crisis trade blockade lifted, the Pakistani government said.

Mr. Sahaf, who is visiting certain Security Council member states to canvass support for ending sanctions, made his comment during talks with Pakistani Foreign Minister Assef Ahmad Ali, the government said in a statement.

But the statement gave no details of the package. Mr. Ali said Iraq had made

what be called appreciable progress in implementing Security Council resolutions.

But the statement quoted him as referring to "difficulties that persisted in the Security Council on the question of a clear recognition of Kuwait's sovereignty and territorial integrity, recognition of the borders and the concern about the Kuwaitis missing in action."

It quoted Mr. Sahaf as saying that Iraq was "ready to agree on a package within the framework of the Security Council resolutions that would meet all these concerns."

The Security Council imposed the trade blockade shortly after Iraq's August 1990 invasion of Kuwait. It has linked its lifting to Iraqi compliance with the 1991 Gulf war ceasefire terms, including scrapping its weapons of mass destruction.

Pakistan, which sent 11,000 troops to help defend Saudi Arabia as part of a U.S.-led coalition that drove Iraqi troops from Kuwait, has observed the Gulf crisis trade blockade.

Mr. Ali said it had adopted a "constructive approach in the Security Council in order to alleviate the sufferings of

the Iraqi people and to bring peace to the region."

He said Pakistan would "favourably examine the package proposal when it is made."

The statement said Mr. Sahaf briefed Mr. Ali on Iraqi steps to implement the various Security Council resolutions, "including Iraq's readiness to comply with the requirements of long-term monitoring" of its weapons systems — at one time a stumbling block.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Mr. Sahaf might also meet Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

U.N. envoy seeks aid for Palestinian economy

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — One year after the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) peace deal was secretly signed in Oslo, the Norwegian middleman in the talks appealed on Saturday for rapid world aid to help Palestinians cement self-rule in Gaza and Jericho.

Terje Roed Larsen, a former adviser to the Norwegian foreign ministry and the newly-appointed U.N. special coordinator in the Middle East, told Reuters that poverty was the worst enemy of the peace accord.

He said disbursement of donor funds in Gaza and Jericho, which came under self-rule in May, had been too slow. International donors have pledged \$2.4 billion to help the PLO develop and assert control over the areas.

"This political settlement will fail if the economic (problems) are not solved," Mr. Roed Larsen said.

"My message to the donors is that we have to fight on three battle fronts to keep the self-rule experiment from collapsing, the political front, the economic and the general welfare."

The donors have sought guarantees of transparency and accountability from the PLO to ensure their money would be used properly in development projects.

"One of the problems facing the self-rule deal has been the bridging mechanism between the donors and the Palestinian constituents, and it is very complicated," Mr. Roed Larsen said.

He said one of the major tasks of his U.N. office was to work with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to make separate contacts with the donors and the Palestinian self-rule authority.

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Arab-American group denounces reported

embassy moves to Jerusalem, calls for action

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — An Arab-American lobbying group on Sunday denounced reported moves by three Latin American countries to shift their embassies to Jerusalem and called on Arab countries to seek an urgent U.N. Security Council debate on the issue.

The Jordan office of the Washington-based American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), in a statement issued here, also called for sanctions against the governments of Bolivia, Paraguay and the Dominican Republic if they moved their embassies to Jerusalem in an explicit recognition of Israel's claim to the Holy City as its "eternal, indivisible capital."

The status of Jerusalem, holy to Muslims, Christians and Jews, is the most difficult issue facing the Arabs and Israel in the 34-month-old peace process.

While Israel claims the city as its capital and has vowed never to relinquish its grip on the city, the Palestinians see the Arab eastern part of Jerusalem as the capital of their future independent state.

Jordan, which plays a historic religious role vis-a-vis the Islamic shrines in Jerusalem, supports the Palestinian quest for political sovereignty over the Holy City and favours a multi-religious approach to the issue of the holy shrines of the three religions there.

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Even the U.S. Israel's guardian ally, does not accept the Jewish state's claim.

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Suspected mastermind of Higgins' abduction killed

BEIRUT (AP) — The suspected mastermind of the fatal kidnapping of U.S. Marine Colonel William R. Higgins in 1988 has died in a mysterious car accident in Tehran, a magazine reported.

The Arabic-language Al Shura weekly quoted unnamed knowledgeable sources in Tehran as saying Munzer Hassan Rammal perished in what "seemed to be a pre-arranged accident to get rid of him."

The report could not be independently verified. Al Shura gained fame in 1986 for revealing the Iran-contra affair in which President Ronald Reagan sold weapons to Iran to win the release of U.S. hostages, then channelled

the proceeds to contra rebels in Nicaragua.

Rammal was a security chief of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah, or Party of God, in South Lebanon when Higgins was abducted Feb. 17, 1988 near the southern city of Tyre.

Al Shura said the Lebanese Shi'ite was killed after "Iranian security officials learned of contacts between Rammal and Islamic quarters in the Iranian capital maintaining links with Western clerics."

"U.S. intelligence reports said Higgins died earlier while under torture."

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"This political ill-fair of the two problems" are not Mr. Rood Larsen's "My message to the world that we have to take bold steps to end self-rule experiment, bypassing the political and economic and the economic and the self-rule," he said. The donors have guarantees of transparency and accountability to ensure that the self-rule deal will be used properly. "One of the problems of the self-rule deal is bridging the gap between the donors and Palestinian recipients," he said. "It is very complicated," he said. He said one of the tasks of his U.N. office with the United Development Project (NDP) to make contacts with the donors and the UNDP transparent and accountable with the donors and the self-rule side," he said.

"My office has been contracts with donors to understand the UNDP's transparency and accountability with the donors and the self-rule side," he said. So donors put the UNDP account to the Palestinian account, and the money is used," he said. Since his arrival in Jordan, Mr. Rood Larsen has tried to persuade the Jordanian government to create projects such as a \$150 million project expected to be completed in 15 years. Rood Larsen said he will live in Jordan for five years, and the self-rule to help the self-government is a success.

RJ prepares to resume Aden flights

AMMAN (Petra) — Royal Jordanian (RJ) has made arrangements to resume flights to Aden airport in Yemen as soon as the airport is re-opened, an official source at the national air carrier said Sunday. The official said the airport, closed during the Yemeni civil war, is expected to re-open next week. The source said RJ was one of the first airlines to resume flights to the Sanaa airport after the end of the civil war.

Factory management programme starts

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Cabinet names ministerial panel to draft speech from the Throne

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cabinet Sunday approved the setting up of a ministerial committee to draft the speech from the Throne, to be delivered by His Majesty King Hussein at the opening of Parliament in October.

The committee will be headed by Deputy Prime Minister Thouran Hindawi and will include as members the ministers of Education, Information, State for Prime Minister Affairs, Planning,

Finance, Interior, State for Foreign Affairs, Industry and Trade as well as Culture.

The Cabinet also approved the appointment of Bashir Taher Jaghrir as secretary general of the Ministry of Public Works and Housing.

Mr. Jaghrir was director general of the Government Tenders Department.

The Council of Ministers

also approved a recommendation by the Cabinet's Development Council to set

up a national development committee. The committee will include as members several professors from Jordanian universities.

The recommendation was first issued by Minister of Water and Irrigation Saleh Israheil stressing the need to set up a team of specialists in geological and geo-technical fields to monitor quality control issues when carrying out projects and to inspect the geological fea-

tures that might affect these projects.

The Council of Ministers also approved an amendment to the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) employees' systems and another amendment to the allowances system of the Social Security Corporation (SSC).

The amendment provides for granting the corporation's employees a 10 per cent raise provided that the raise will not be less than JD 10.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

King receives cable from Senegal president

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday received a cable from Senegalese President Abdou Diouf congratulating him on Prophet Mohammad's birthday. Mr. Diouf wished the King good health and happiness and the Jordanian people further progress and prosperity.

Royal Decree approves JIC chief appointment

AMMAN (Petra) — A Royal Decree Sunday was issued approving a Cabinet decision appointing Mohammad Ali Saad Al Batayneh as director general of the Jordan Investment Corporation (JIC) as of Aug. 1, 1994.

Festival preparations

Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Bint Al Hussein, president of the Royal Jordanian Arabian Thoroughbred Society, and chairperson of the Arab Society of Arabian Horses, Sunday chaired a meeting for participants in the Fifth Arabian Horse Festival which will be held in Jordan.

Participating in the festival are several Arab and foreign countries. Princess Alia stressed the importance of providing the necessary care of Arabian horses and reviewed the activities of the festival. She said seven Arab countries in addition to Jordan will participate in the Sept. 20-24 event which will include races and a showjumping championship. Princess Alia said the festival will include a 43-kilometre marathon race which will start from Al Harranah Palace in Mawqar and end at Amra Palace. The festival will be held in cooperation with the ministries of Youth, Tourism and Antiquities, Agriculture, Public Works and Housing, and Yarmouk University and the Greater Amman Municipality.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

PLAY

★ Children's play entitled "Long Live the Dead Sea" at the Royal Cultural Centre on 20:00.

NOVEL RECITAL

★ Novel recital by novelist Tal'at Shana'a at the Phoenix Gallery for Art and Culture at 20:00.

EXHIBITIONS

★ Children's school needs exhibition at the Amman International Arts Exhibition, Airport Road (12:00 noon-11:00 p.m.) (Tel. 714211).

★ Painting on copper exhibition by Mohammad Jundi at the

PLO officials against amending charter

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their role in anti-Israeli attacks would be allowed for the duration of a meeting.

In Geneva, Mr. Arafat met with the president of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed Ben Sultan Al Nahyan, on Saturday in an apparent attempt to repair relations soured by PLO support for Iraq in the Gulf war.

No details about the talks were immediately available but sources in Tunis said the PLO leader was seeking to persuade Sheikh Zayed, who is vacationing in the Swiss town of Gstaad, to resume transferring

Special computer training course opens

AMMAN (Petra) — A training course on the uses of computers in managing projects started at the Jordan Management Institute. The course, in which several directors of government and private sector institutions are participating, aims to acquaint the participants with means of managing and distributing resources, drawing plans and timetables and cost calculations through the use of computers.

Sudanese team visits educational centre

AMMAN (Petra) — A Sudanese delegation Sunday visited the National Centre for Educational Research and Development to get familiarised with the centre's experiment in establishing educational database systems and their uses, in order to establish similar systems in Sudan. The delegation was received by Centre Director Victor Billeh who briefed the members on the duties of the centre. The delegation's four-day visit to Jordan comes as part of existing cooperation between the centre and the Sudanese Ministry of Education and aims to pave the way for launching a joint project under which the centre will offer technical assistance to the Sudanese Ministry of Education. The programme is expected to last for two years.

Social education programme begins

MADABA (Petra) — The Bani Harrida Local Development Centre Sunday launched a social education programme to benefit trainees enrolled at other courses in the centre. Fifteen women are participating in the programme which aims to educate them on health, religious and social issues in addition to the role of the centre and the Ministry of Social Development. As part of the activities of the programme, the participants will bear lectures and receive practical training on voluntary work and will be familiarised with the role of educated and qualified women in developing the society.

Planned women's society endorses its system

DEIR ABEE SAEED (Petra) — The constituent assembly of Al Koura District Women's Society held a meeting Sunday and endorsed the basic system of the society. Constituent assembly member Rima Tashman expressed hope that the system will be approved by the concerned authorities soon to enable the society to commence work since the district thus far does not have a women's society. Ms. Tashman said the society aims to help women in establishing income-generating projects and to help the handicapped in the district.

Polluted salt destroyed in Deir Abee Saeed

DEIR ABEE SAEED (Petra) — The Deir Abee Saeed Health Department Sunday destroyed 750 kilogrammes of polluted salt after the quantity was unfit for consumption. The department said samples of salt purchased by bakery owners in the Deir Abee Saeed district from Al Azraq Cooperative Society were examined at its laboratories after complaints by the bakers. It said its personnel are continuing to take other samples from the various areas of the district to check if there are still other polluted quantities. The department said the bakery owners will be compensated for all destroyed quantities.

Sharia Sciences course to start

AMMAN (Petra) — A three-day conference on "Islamic Sharia Sciences at Universities — Reality and Aspiration" Tuesday will open at the Jordanian Arabic Language Academy. The conference, organised by the International Islamic Thought Institute, the Islamic Studies and Research Centre and the universities of Jordan, Yarmouk, and Mutah, will focus on the need to develop sharia sciences and the relations of these sciences to the Arabic language and humanism and social sciences. Renowned professors and scholars from Jordan and other Arab and Islamic countries will participate in the conference.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Phoenix Gallery for Art and Culture (Tel. 695291).

★ "The Child's World Festival 1994" (containing all children needs) at the World Exhibition Center, University Road (Tel. 643844).

★ Exhibition of painting by several Jordanian artists entitled "The Fact Between Paintings and Viewers As Viewed By Artist" at the Royal Cultural Centre.

★ Exhibition of new paintings by Diana Shamouni at The Gallery, Jordan Inter-Continental Hotel (8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

★ Exhibition of oil paintings by Princess Wijdan Ali at the Belsa' Art Gallery in Fuheis (10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.) (Tel. 720677).

★ Exhibition of paintings by Jordanian and Iraqi artists at Orfali Art Gallery in Umm Utheiba (Tel. 826932).

Iraqi oil could flow again this spring

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taxes, deducted from the salaries of Palestinians working in the UAE, to the PLO.

The UAE stopped collections, which amounted to some \$9 million, last month. Arab diplomats in Abu Dhabi indicated this was because the Palestinians now have their own authority and can do their own collecting but other sources said the move followed Mr. Arafat's criticism of Arab states for not doing enough to support the struggling authority.

Mr. Arafat told reporters that he had had "important discussions" with Sheikh Zayed, but declined to divulge details.

Parents need to be educated on birth control, says minister

Seminar opens to analyse fertility data

AMMAN (Petra) — Labour Minister Khaled Ghzawi Sunday called for educating parents on birth control, with a view to protecting mothers' health but also to save the Jordanian society, added Mr. Ghzawi.

Addressing the opening session of a five-day seminar on analysing fertility data in Jordan, the minister said that the population growth in the Kingdom exceeds the natural growth in the country, and that was largely due to the high fertility rate on the one hand and the waves of migration of people into the country on the other.

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U.S. steps up pressure on Cuba

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — A day after pulling in a decades-old welcome mat for Cuban refugees, President Bill Clinton announced Saturday new measures to step up pressure on the Communist regime in Havana.

A statement said the United States was banning cash transfers by Cuban Americans to their former homeland, cutting off an important source of hard currency for the economically ailing country.

Other measures were stepped-up U.S. government radio broadcasts to the island, a cutback in charter flights between the countries and efforts to seek a harder international line on human rights abuses in Cuba.

The solution to Cuba's many problems is not an uncontrolled exodus, it is freedom and democracy for Cuba," said the U.S. president, whose country has maintained an economic embargo against Havana for 32 years.

The new measures came amid criticism that Clinton was not being hard enough on Cuba's government while cracking down on refugees Friday and ending a 28-year-old policy of granting them quick and easy asylum here.

That move was an attempt to stem growing influx of refugees, apparently encouraged by Havana in a continuing war of nerves that has

pitted Cuban leader Fidel Castro against nine U.S. presidents since 1959.

More than 2,600 asylum seekers crossed the treacherous Florida Straits in small boats and homemade rafts over the past week, the largest influx since the 1980 "Mariel boatlift" that brought in 125,000 over five months.

But despite the U.S. announcement that any Cuban picked up at sea would be sent for screening to the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo, Cuba, by 0145 GMT (Sunday), 861 Cuban refugees were picked up by the U.S. Coast Guard Saturday alone.

That number marked yet again the largest single-day total since 1980, after 575 Cubans were picked up Friday.

The White House has insisted repeatedly that it would not let Mr. Castro dictate U.S. immigration policy but many congressmen said it was doing just that.

"At this point there has not been any pain inflicted on Fidel Castro for having done this," said Senator Bob Graham, a Democrat from Florida where the refugee flood has sparked a state of emergency. "We have been reacting to his actions."

Senate Republican leader Bob Dole contrasted the administration's Cuba policy with its threat to take military

action if necessary to topple the ruling junta in another Caribbean nation, Haiti.

Gen. Dole said Mr. Clinton "should spend as much effort in drawing lines in the sand about democratic change in Cuba as he has spent in threatening Haiti."

The measures announced Saturday also appeared to be an attempt to placate the influential Cuban exile community in the Miami area, which counts some 564,000 people or more than 29 per cent of the population. Many had been outraged by the asylum restrictions.

Under the plan, Cuban Americans will be allowed to send items such as medicine and food to relatives back home, but no cash unless approved by the Treasury Department for humanitarian purposes.

The United States will also increase and amplify Radio Marti broadcasts to Cuba, and allow charter flights between Miami and Havana only if they carry legal immigrants and are consistent with the 1992 Cuban Democracy Act tightening the embargo.

The aim, Mr. Clinton said, is "to limit the ability of the Cuban government to accumulate foreign exchange and to enable us to expand the flow of information to the Cuban people."

He said the United States would pursue "with vigour and determination" its campaign

against Cuban abuses of human rights, bringing evidence of any such instances to the United Nations and other international organisations.

Havana Saturday condemned the use of the Guantanamo Bay naval base for housing refugees, saying Washington was trying to turn its base in southeastern Cuba into a "concentration camp of Cuban citizens."

Cuba has long protested the existence of the U.S. base, as well as its use for housing Haitian refugees.

"The government of Cuba declares the firmest rejection by the Cuban people of this new decision of the White House and repeats, one more time, its energetic rejection of the illegal military presence of the United States in its territory," said a Foreign Ministry statement broadcast by the state news agency Pre-ns Latina.

The mood was calm in the Cuban capital Saturday, with no unusually large military or police presence.

Nearly 15,000 Haitians who fled grinding poverty in their country now are billeted in tent camps at the Guantanamo Bay base, something Cuba has strongly protested.

The base has long provoked the ire of Mr. Castro, who says it is illegal because it was established early this century when Cuba was under U.S. occupation.



A mother and her son have been attempting to get to the United States, Cubans picked up at sea are now to be taken to the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (AFP photo)

More Bangladesh ferry victims found

DHAKA (R) — Rescuers battling strong winds and currents Bangladesh's Meghna River retrieved four more bodies Sunday following a ferry disaster in which more than 300 people were still believed to be missing and presumed drowned.

The bodies surfaced 24 hours after the ferry MV Dinar went down in the choppy river and more corpses are likely to show up soon," police officer Vann Lal Das told Reuters by telephone from the scene.

Officer Das called the accident a "moving human tragedy."

Prime Minister Begum

Khaleda Zia expressed deep shock at the loss of life and ordered a high-level inquiry to determine the cause of the accident, government officials said.

The ferry overturned and sank in the river at Chandpur, about 100 kilometres from Dhaka, Saturday afternoon.

It was just 200 metres from shore at the time and only about 60 people are believed to have survived the ordeal.

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Police said the four bodies were found about 12 kilometres from where the ferry went down. The rescuers said they did not expect to find any more survivors.

"Hoping for survivors would be too ambitious," police officer Aminul Islam, speaking to reporters, quoted a rescuer as saying.

Officials said a rescue tug was on its way to the site of the accident but it was being delayed by strong currents and high winds and was not expected to arrive until Monday morning.

N. Korea's refusal of inspections threatens Geneva talks, reactor offer

SEOUL (AFP) — North Korea's insistence that it will "never" allow inspection of two sites suspected to be at the heart of its nuclear programme threatens to push Washington back into confrontation with Pyongyang, analysts said here Sunday.

The angry refusal, announced by a North Korean Foreign Ministry official Saturday, also appeared to have already frozen South Korea's offer to provide less harmful nuclear reactors to

the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) before it can inspect the sites, which the North claims are purely military, and Pyongyang's refusal, that first triggered the nuclear standoff in 1992.

It was the IAEA's insistence on inspecting the sites, at the expense of our sovereignty to receive LWR's (light-water nuclear reactors). This is our unshakable will," the North Korean Foreign Ministry official said.

South Korea has accused Washington of rushing ahead in Geneva to secure a nuclear freeze at the cost of leaving unresolved doubts about past nuclear activities.

North Korea, in its statement Saturday, accused South Korea and Japan of raising the issue with "ministerial political motives" to scuttle ongoing U.S.-North Korean talks to resolve the nuclear stand-off.

Said one analyst: "There is a feeling here, why should they (the North) have it handed to them on a plate, and that the U.S. is going too fast. With times hard in North Korea, there should be a squeeze before more concession."

In Seoul, the mass circulation Chosun newspaper Sunday quoted an unnamed senior official as saying: "No inspections, no reactors."

"Even if they have one kilogramme of plutonium, we would not supply the reactors," the newspaper quoted the official as saying.

In Geneva, North Korea also pledged to stay within the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, but conspicuous by its absence was any reference to the two sites, which

the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) believes could contain plutonium storage and reprocessing facilities.

"We will never allow inspection of the military sites, at the expense of our sovereignty to receive LWR's (light-water nuclear reactors). This is our unshakable will," the North Korean Foreign Ministry official said.

By Sunday there had been no comment from the U.S. side headed by Undersecretary of State Robert Gallucci, who had warned last week that many important issues "remain to be resolved."

His statement was echoed by IAEA spokesman David Kyd who said that "many specific points remain to be settled."

South Korea's presidential spokesman Wednesday quoted U.S. President Bill Clinton as reassuring South Korean President Kim Young-Sam that complete nuclear transparency, including clearing up doubts about the past, would be a condition of the agreed statement being carried through.

"We declare once again that we will never allow a 'special inspection' (of the two sites) though we are willing to involve ourselves in clearing up 'nuclear suspicion' in the future," the North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

IRA may announce ceasefire this week

LONDON (Agencies) — The Irish Republican Army (IRA) is preparing to announce an indefinite ceasefire in its battle to oust Britain from Northern Ireland, perhaps as soon as this week, the Observer newspaper reported.

Sunday's edition of the paper said all units of the guerrilla group had been briefed, but told to carry on with regular activities until the ceasefire was announced.

Rumours of a pending IRA ceasefire have been rife for weeks. The British and Irish governments are demanding a permanent ceasefire in return for giving the IRA's political wing Sinn Fein a place at peace talks.

But senior police and security officials have said they would respond to a temporary but long-lasting ceasefire with a corresponding decrease in the number of troops on the ground.

Both the IRA and its Protestant extremist enemies have continued regular attacks and killings despite the rumours. Protestant groups say they will match any IRA ceasefire.

The analysts pointed out however that the U.S. side had warned after an Aug. 12 joint statement issued in Geneva that many issues remained unresolved and would be discussed in talks slated for next month.

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Crack in sanctions regime

TURKEY'S decision to reopen the Habur border crossing into northern Iraq in a couple of weeks sounds like the first important crack in the U.N. trade sanctions against Baghdad. Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller announced this "breakthrough" during her latest trip to the southeast of the country where government forces have been waging a war of attrition against separatist Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) for over ten years. Ankara has long maintained that its battered economy has lost at least \$20 billion from U.N. trade sanctions imposed on Iraq in the aftermath of the Gulf crisis in 1990. The closure of the 985-km oil pipeline from Iraq to Turkey's Mediterranean ports has also cost the country \$250 million annually in lost transit fees.

True, the official reopening of the Habur border crossing would not change the situation on the ground very much. Ankara, it may be recalled, had been turning a blind eye to the thriving trade across this frontier point ever since the U.N. Security Council slapped the embargo against Iraq, as Turkish lorries carried fruit and vegetables and brought back cheap oil. In point of fact, the whole Western world turned a blind eye to this unofficial trade.

The official announcement that the hitherto unofficial trade will become official in the near future could thus be a harbinger of more relaxation of trade against Baghdad. It is doubtful though that Ankara would boldly declare the resumption of trade with Iraq without an anticipation of a wider Western relaxation of trade sanctions with the Baghdad government. This is not to mention that Turkish-Iraqi talks on the reopening of the oil pipeline are also gaining momentum. There is no doubt that these new openings could not have been contemplated without prior consultations with Washington and its principal allies. On the strength of these developments, therefore, 1995 could set the stage for the lifting of sanctions against Iraq.

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A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i Arabic daily said Sunday that there are genuine apprehension on the part of Arab masses about Israel's intentions and there is real fear that the peace process would collapse due to Israel's intransigent attitudes in its dealings with the Arab parties. Indeed, said Mahmud Rimawi, one has to take stock of the negotiations at least on the Israeli-Palestinian track one year after the signing of the Oslo agreement. Accusing Israel of trying to avoid the implementation of the deal with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), the writer said that the Israelis are exploiting the Palestinian weak economy and using the Arab workers in Israel as a lever to exercise pressure on the PLO leadership to succumb to Zionists' desires. The Israeli attitude, said the writer, has rendered the Palestine National Authority in a rather difficult position but, he said, the PLO leadership is trying hard to succeed and hoping to expand the national authority to the other parts of the occupied Palestinian lands despite the Israeli pressures. He said the Oslo deal, despite the numerous loopholes, has paved the ground for the Palestinians to assume responsibility for their own affairs and responsibilities on the internal front, a step that precedes the full independence and statehood. The writer said that the opponents of the deal should allow the PLO authority further time to put matters right and eventually end Israel's occupation of the Arab land.

A COLUMNIST in Sawt Al Shaab daily Sunday criticised Nabil Shaath, head of the Palestinian negotiating team for agreeing to Israel's wishes and responding to Zionist extremists' group's desire to open the Ibrahim Mosque for Jewish worshippers alone. The Israeli government has not yet responded to the United Nations Security Council's resolution and the world community which demanded that the mosque be opened for the Muslim worshippers following the massacre of Muslims inside the mosque earlier this year, said the writer, Arafat Hijazi. He said that the Palestine Liberation Organisation should object to this move on the part of the Israeli government, and should seek to stop the Jews from transforming the shrine into a synagogue by preventing Muslims from praying in the mosque and allowing the Jews to practice their worshipping there, said the writer.

Helping to etch a new landscape in the Middle East

By Anthony Lewis

WASHINGTON — By the end of 1996, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said, it is "entirely possible" that Israel will be at peace with all its neighbours. "It would have seemed visionary," he said, "but not at the pace at which things are going."

In a conversation in his office, the secretary was strikingly upbeat on the possibility of peace between Israel and Syria, for a generation the bitterest of enemies. On a Middle East tour from which he had just returned, he again shuttled between Jerusalem and Damascus. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Syrian President Hafez Assad.

"I think they both want peace," Mr. Christopher said. "And a warm peace trade, tourism."

"In Assad and Rabin you have the two toughest and most experienced negotiators in the Middle East. It's an existential thing for both, so they are very careful in examining things."

"Assad does that out loud: for five hours in my last visit with him. 'What does Rabin mean by this?' Sometimes I don't know, and I say I'll have to ask.

Rabin internalizes.

"Up to this last trip there was a psychological barrier. I believe they've broken through, discussing the concrete elements — the nature of peace, withdrawal, security. They're all intertwined, and the parties have different views on how they should fit together. There are still big gaps."

That description of what is happening, especially the scene with Mr. Assad, makes one thing clear about the onrushing peace process. The American role is essential, and Mr. Christopher has taken on that responsibility himself.

Critics of President Bill Clinton's foreign policy have made Mr. Christopher a target. I have been critical of such things as the policy on Bosnia. But Mr. Christopher brings to the Middle East the qualities that made him such a superb negotiator in the Iran hostage crisis: first-rate legal skills, patience, commitment.

As an example of the crucial American role in the region, the secretary mentioned an arrangement that he brokered last year to stop rocket attacks on northern Israel from Hezbollah forces in Lebanon. In return for a halt, Israel agreed not to attack beyond

its security zone in southern Lebanon.

As Mr. Christopher was on his way to the Middle East just now, an Israeli pilot in error hit a civilian target and killed 10 people. Israel apologised, but Hezbollah launched three waves of rockets. Mr. Christopher appealed to the Syrians to help stop what threatened to derail the negotiations.

The Syrians "said they would make a maximum effort," Mr. Christopher said. "They obviously have some capacity to influence Hezbollah — how great I'm not sure." The rocket attacks stopped.

A Syrian-Israeli deal, if it comes, would have to overcome much internal resistance. Syrians reluctant to accept Israel. Israelis reluctant to give up the Golan Heights. "Assad thinks it will take a lot of preparation," Mr. Christopher said. "They've been through so much conditioning the other way. But in time..."

Mr. Assad has evidently started that preparation. Syrian television and newspapers played up the peace ceremony between Prime Minister Rabin and His Majesty King Hussein — a remarkable shift in Syrian

practice.

On the Palestinians, Mr. Christopher said he was urging countries that had pledged aid to start projects in Gaza immediately, and at the same time urging on PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat the financial "accountability and transparency" that donors expect.

Democracy and human rights are growing concerns among Palestinians. Mr. Arafat troubled many by closing the newspaper *An Nahar* for being "pro-Jordanian" — and then by basing a widely respected columnist, Daoud Kuttab, for signing a petition against the closing. Mr. Christopher said he raised the question of press freedom with Mr. Arafat.

Then there is the question of elections in the West Bank and Gaza. Mr. Christopher said: "That will be an area where Mr. Arafat will require constant urging, to the freedom of expression, one of the most elemental pillars of democracy, is a telling story. It is astounding to try to fathom the logic behind such an undertaking, particularly in light of the conclusive defeat of the Arab authoritarian order at the hands of tiny, but democratic, Israel.

Mr. Arafat must realise this, and he must seek to change the style of governing in the Palestinian arena. The best place of start is to encourage, not hinder, free expression.

It is also astonishing to discern how little PLO leaders understand about their people in the territories. For years, these people protested loudly against the occupation authorities' censorship of their prose.

The Palestinian people — beneficiaries of a free and unthindered press — shall not acquiesce to the PLO leaders' attempts to force-feed them what they have rejected from their occupiers. The closure of *An Nahar* will needlessly cancel criticism of Israel's role as a censor of the Palestinian press and exonerate it historically. Censorship of the press is wrong, whether decreed by Israel or the PLO.

The message from the Arab-Palestinian people is clear: Democratisation is the only condition for progress. This means allowing for a free press. Without it, conditions will remain unchanged.

Even if *An Nahar* has

been financed by Jordan, and is sympathetic to Jordan's point of view, Mr. Arafat, by banning it in the autonomous areas, is at best sending a message of intolerance. At worst, he is signaling his intent to govern just like many others in the region.

The PLO's financing of many publications in the Middle East in exchange for expression of support for PLO objectives was precisely the rationale behind Israel's on-and-off censorship of the Palestinian press. The present irony will not escape anyone.

One would hope that the Arab-Palestinian press could soon achieve full financial and editorial independence. Until then, however, Mr. Arafat would do his best to stay clear of the press.

To facilitate democracy in the Palestinian areas, various important elements should be present: First is an unequivocal Palestinian belief in the value of democracy, including that of freedom of the press. Also critical is the Palestinians' willingness to fight for it and to continue to protect it with all their might.

Because the transformation to a democratic rule occurs at a cost to the order already in place, it is expected of leaders to try to slow down, or even scuttle, the Palestinians' march toward democracy.

The U.S. could extend a hand to assist democracy in the territories. A gripe of most Arab-Palestinian activists and intellectuals has been that unlike the efforts the U.S. has made to promote democracy in all corners of the world, it has shown no real inclination to do so in the Arab World.

The greatest service the U.S. and others can offer the Palestinians would be to persuade the leaders of the necessity to democratise and to help create an environment in which the people, with a certain measure of confidence and security, can navigate their way towards the realisation of their dreams.

Now is the best time to do so, and the opportunity should not be allowed to slip away.

The writer, an American of Palestinian descent, is a freelance journalist based in Washington. The article is reprinted from the Washington Post.

Defending Japan's dark past

By Susumu Sono
Agence France Presse

TOKYO — Shin Sakurai is one of a long line of cabinet members to let sentiments about Japan's wartime past cause his political downfall and indignation among his country's neighbours.

But even with the long list of known casualties, there is plenty of evidence that Mr. Sakurai is not alone in feeling Japan has been unfairly treated by historians over the period up to 1945.

The state minister resigned on Sunday after creating an international storm by saying "I don't think Japan fought with the aim of waging a war of aggression."

"I don't think we should take the position that Japan was the only one that was wrong." It was thanks to Japan that Asian neighbours had become independent and education had advanced faster, he added.

It was thanks to Mr. Sakurai that Japan faced a new official protest from South Korea and Yomiichi Murayama became the latest prime minister to have to apologise over a cabinet minister's remarks.

Many of those who have previously got into trouble were also from the Liberal Democratic Party, now in an unlikely alliance with Mr. Murayama's socialists.

But the Asahi Shimbun daily highlighted how "not an inconsiderable number of Liberal Democratic Party legislators support the position shown by Sakurai."

They are a minority in number. But the defenders of Japan's past show themselves regularly. Only three months ago, Shigeto Nagano resigned as justice minister for claiming the

In 1986, Education Minister Masayuki Fujio, another LDP member said in a magazine interview that Korea was also responsible for Japan's annexation of the Korean peninsula in 1910.

Mr. Fujio defended the role of Japan's Imperial Army, saying that Japan was not the only country which waged a war of aggression.

Confronted with protests

from China, South Korea and other Asian countries, the prime minister of the time Yasuhiro Nakasone

cancelled a plan to visit Tokyo's Yasukuni Shrine, dedicated to the war dead, on Aug. 15, the anniversary of Japan's defeat in World War II.

Since then no Japanese prime minister has visited Yasukuni, where Hideki Tojo, prime minister during the Pacific war, is also buried.

According to Chinese figures, more than 300,000 people were killed by Japanese soldiers in Nanjing.

LDP legislators and former Transport Minister Shintaro Ishihara made remarks similar to Nagano.

In 1990, he was quoted by a U.S. magazine as saying the Nanjing massacre was fabricated by China.

Diplomatic relations between Japan and South Korea were hit in May 1990

when their LDP Secretary General Ichiro Ozawa said

Japan had no need to apologise for its colonial rule of the Korean peninsula from 1910 to 1945.

Two years earlier, senior

LDP member and then

National Land Agency

director General Seisuke

Okuno said it was unfair to

blame Japan for the war

because European countries had also colonised Asia.

Opening a year of special

commemoration for Australian dead, Mr. James, president of the Returned

Services League, said:

"Germany has sought to come to terms with her past and some of the

Japanese people have too.

"As a nation Japan has yet to come to terms with her past. What a significant achievement it would be if that happened this year," he said.

NATO suffers major blow with Woerner's death

By Nicholas Doughty
Reuter

BRUSSELS — NATO, already struggling with problems in Bosnia and other vital questions of European security, has suffered a major blow with the death of secretary-general Manfred Woerner.

Diplomats and officials say that whoever replaces Mr. Woerner will face a tough task in guiding the 16-nation alliance.

Russia has opposed NATO action in Bosnia and raised strong objections to any possible expansion of the alliance to take in Moscow's former satellites in Eastern Europe as members.

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In the meantime, NATO has to make the Partnership for Peace work through plans for joint military exercises with its new partners and very little spare cash.

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translation of the interview:

Question: Your Majesty, over the 42 years of your reign you have witnessed grave incidents. Do you consider the signing of the Washington Declaration with Israel ending a 46-year state of war a crowning of your life achievements?

Answer: No, since this agreement does not mean in itself an end to the pains suffered by people in the region. And still one can say that the declaration is a climax of developments that culminated in Israel and Jordan deciding to make peace between them.

Q: Was it a decision taken by the King alone?

A: I have dreamed all my life to have the chance (to give) a better guarantee to the life of my people. Therefore the overwhelming majority of Jordanians have supported that change we reached in Washington. I pray that fate would enable me to join the list of pioneers of peace in this region. Jordan should be a model for all to see how talents unexplored over decades can be used to serve peace.

Q: Not all are convinced of these principles. Syria, and consequently Lebanon, did not yet define their tracks as Your Majesty did.

A: All the officials in the Middle East are seriously looking for real peace, and I reaffirm, all. In fact, there is no substitute to seeking a comprehensive peace which includes Israel and all its Arab neighbors. Every Arab-Israeli peace initiative, such as the Jordanian-Israeli agreements, are but blocks in the structure of a comprehensive peace that would be reached later.

Q: It seems that not all the leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) share with you this view. (Yasser) Arafat's Foreign Minister Farouk Kaddoumi reiterated that the destruction of Israel is inevitable.

A: Arafat and Kaddoumi are free to say whatever they like. But this does not change anything in the inevitability of the peace process.

Q: We do not like to imagine what can take place in case one of the main active personalities in the peace process might fall victim to an assassination (attempt) concocted by the enemies of the idea of a just peace between the Arabs and Israel... Do you remember the fate of (late Egyptian President Anwar) Sadat?

A: Anyone supporting such decisions is threatened... But responsible politicians should work in accordance to what their consciences dictate and what serves their peoples. But with regards to us, we are determined to have peace and nothing will dissuade us from that direction.

Q: Why do you focus on the peace negotiations with the Israelis at this specific time? A: No other Arab country has offered to the Palestinians what Jordan offered, and no one else has suffered as we did for them. Now that the Palestinians have signed their own agreements with the Israelis, we considered it our duty to take care of our own interests.

Q: The negotiations with Israel have started a few weeks ago, but they did not produce much till now.

A: The general atmosphere surrounding the negotiations is okay. But still the negotiations might take some time. There are reasons for that. We are not willing only to agree on the specific places to delineate the border in the Jordan Valley, we want to convert the valley into a valley of peace and to carry out joint projects with a futuristic dimension. In addition, we want to know our shares of water and the existing possibilities for the optimal use of available water sources and finding new ones provided that that takes place within a regional framework. This takes time and we will continue to negotiate until we achieve tangible success and then the Jordanian people will have to give their view and say if they are satisfied with the outcome, and those with opposing views have to express their views too. A dictated peace will not be a real peace.

Q: Will you sign a peace agreement with Israel this year?

A: I do not want to rule out that possibility. But negotiations have started only a short while ago. I do not know how long they will take.

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dan following the war of 1967. Will they remain in Jordan or would they be able to return to Palestine?

A: This will be determined by a four-member committee from Jordan, Egypt, Israel and the Palestinians. It is the displaced people's right to be repatriated.

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A: Anyway, he has not shown any opposition thus far.

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A: There are unlimited possibilities for improving the living conditions of people. Such a market would offer us all better stability, security and prosperity which would auger well for the rest of the world.

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Arafat was angered by a paragraph on Jordan's priority to the holy places in Jerusalem in the negotiations over the final status of the city. Is not there anything to justify this anger?

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Two South Korean children join an anti-war march in downtown Seoul urging the government to resort to dialogue rather than sanctions in the nuclear standoff with North Korea (AFP photo)

North Korea played nuclear card to meet U.S. on equal footing

By Peter James Spielmann

The Associated Press

GENEVA — Isolated with its economy faltering, North Korea had only one card to play to pry Western aid and diplomatic recognition out of Washington — the threat to go nuclear.

With the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty up for renewal in 1995, the United States felt the stakes were too high to let North Korea become a high-profile rogue nuclear state.

That could inspire countries like Libya, Iran and Pakistan to try and openly join the nuclear club. And the pressure for South Korea and Japan to face North Korea's challenge would be irresistible, opening a nuclear arms race in Asia.

So the deal struck in

Geneva last weekend was practically inevitable. It showed that however badly off the Communist North may be, its diplomatic game with the West has been remarkably sophisticated, especially considering the slim band Pyongyং had to play.

The United States spent 8,000 spent fuel rods would have yielded enough plutonium to make five or six nuclear weapons. Heading off that possibility was the chief U.S. goal in these talks.

North Korea would also shut down its fuel reprocessing centre and put it under supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). It would allow the U.N. agency's inspectors into its declared nuclear facilities under a safeguards agreement Pyongyং signed in 1992.

It's not clear if the North will let the IAEA check two other suspected nuclear sites it has designated as off-limits "military bases," that is a point the

United States is sure to insist on in future talks.

Further negotiations are scheduled in Geneva on Sept. 23 on the interim energy alternatives North Korea has been promised, establishing liaison offices in Washington, and Pyongyং as a first step to full mutual recognition, final disposal of the 8,000 spent fuel rods and providing the new reactors.

Since then, the North has retained its ability to go nuclear while adding new demands as the price of its cooperation with U.N. inspectors.

Coming out of this round of talks, it still holds 8,000 plutonium-bearing fuel rods, not to mention the plutonium it extracted from reprocessing in the past. The CIA figures it has enough to make one or two bombs.

And it doesn't have to cooperate beyond putting its nuclear programme temporarily on hold until Washington coughs up the aid package.

Endangered gorillas caught up in conflict

By Susan Njanji

Agence France Presse

RUHENGRI, Rwanda — Rwanda's rare mountain gorillas, stars of the box office smash "Gorillas in the Mist," appear to have emerged unscathed from the Rwandan civil war, the authorities here believe.

Now the new Rwandan government is keen to reopen the Kinigi national park where they live, some 120 kilometers from Kigali.

Conservationists reckon that Kinigi, in the northeastern Virunga mountains, is home to more than half of the world's estimated total mountain gorilla population of 600.

The authorities here and park workers are hopeful that the gorillas, feared to have been caught up in crossfire or displaced by the fleeing refugees, are still alive in or somewhere near the game park.

"I understand the gorillas are still there, and we hope to re-open the park shortly," said Eugene Twizer, the deputy prefect for the Ruhengeri prefecture, in the northeast of the country, in an interview with AFP.

A driver and tourist guide for the park, Muhammad Juma, said: "It appears no gorillas were killed during the fighting. I think many of them fled to Kisoro forest in Uganda or Virunga in Zaire."

Hundreds of the park employees and their families from within the area, fled the war to Zaire through the mountainous forests inhabited by the gorillas.

Both sides have said the early transfer of powers should be agreed by Wednesday.

"After having gained Palestinian approval for a ceiling of

'Jordan seeks just peace'

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Nothstein, Podlesch, Risi win last world titles

PALERMO, Sicily (AP) — Martin Nothstein won the world keirin title Saturday night to become the first American man to win two gold medals in the same year at the World Track Cycling Championships.

The 23-year-old sprinter proclaimed "I'm the fastest man in the world on two wheels" following his second triumph in the closing day of the World Track Cycling Championships in Sicily.

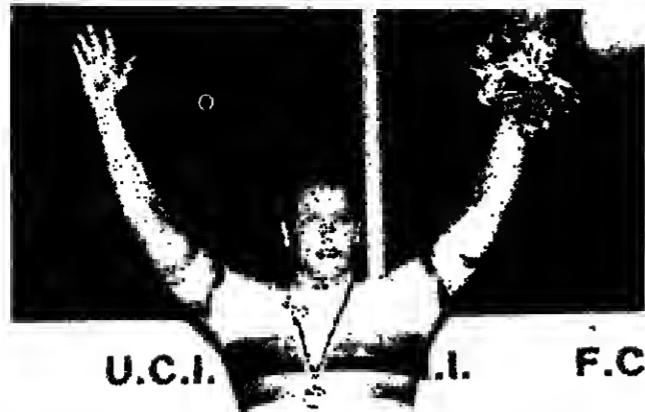
The young American, who travelled to Palermo with little hope of victory following a serious heel injury three months ago, beat three-time world champion Michael Hubner of Germany and Italy's Federico Paris in a eight-man final at the Palermo velodrome.

Nothstein first caused a sensation Wednesday when he won the world sprint title, 82 years after the last U.S. victory in the event by Frank Kramer.

"My win in sprint was somewhat unexpected. I can't say the same for tonight. I won silver in Keirin last year and I had high hopes for this race," Nothstein said after sitting through two appeals of his victory.

The jury rejected protests by both the Italian and Belgian teams who had accused the American of illegal behaviour on the track.

Nothstein, showing an impressive power, led throughout the final lap and withstood the strong challenge of Hubner, who settled for silver after having won the event three straight years from 1990-1992.



American Marty Nothstein (left) races to win the gold medal of the Keirin race at the World Track Cycling Championships (AFP photo)

Keirin is a motor-paced event that is popular in Japan and other countries and was first contested at the world championships in 1980.

Qualifying heats include 6-9 cyclists to get the eight-man, four-lap final.

Nothstein covered the last 200 metres in 11.270 seconds. He said his tactic was to stay in front throughout the last lap.

"I paid off, but I was very tired in the last metres and at one moment I was afraid that Hubner could overtake me," Nothstein said.

"I hope my wins will boost popularity of track races in the states. It's good to give this sport publicity before the Olympics (in Atlanta in 1996)." The strongly-built world champion, who played American football, baseball and wrestling before devoting full-time to cycling, planned to rush home early Sunday

"to share my joy and my medals with my family and my villagers."

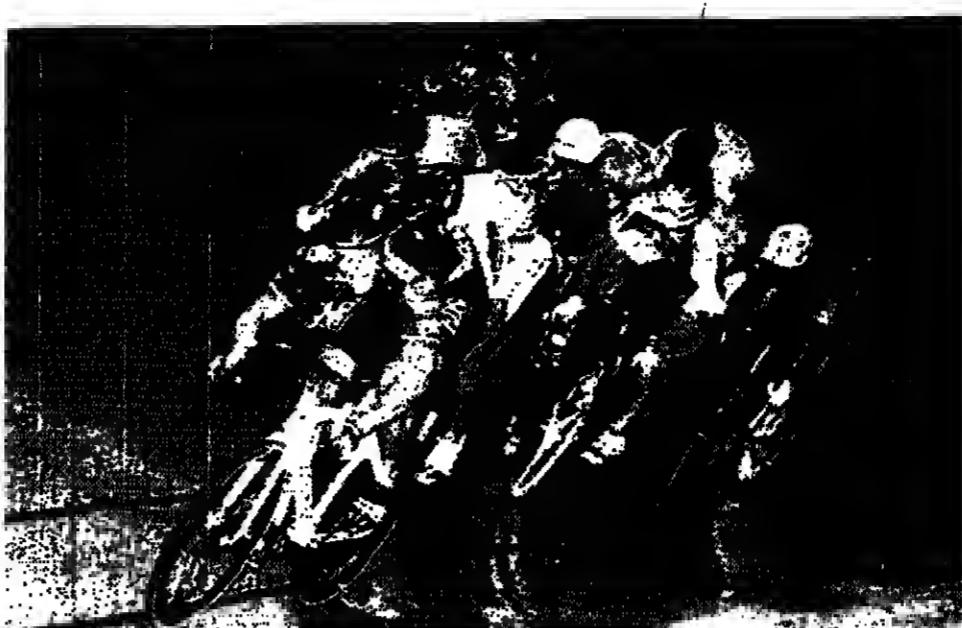
"I also want to rest my foot and enjoy hunting and fishing at home," he said. He will also look around for some lucrative contracts.

Nothstein succeeds Australian Gary Weiland, who won both the sprint and keirin titles in 1993.

The Australian did not start in sprint because of an injury to his left knee and was eliminated in the second round of keirin Saturday night.

"Honestly I thought of winning a medal when I arrived here. I got two golds, two rainbow jerseys. It's fantastic," Nothstein said.

His victory Saturday improved the U.S. medals total to two golds, two silvers and one bronze, putting the American team in third place, behind France and



American Marty Nothstein Saturday jubilates from the podium after winning the gold medal of the Keirin race at the World Track Cycling Championships (AFP photo)

Germany in the overall standings.

The French team, shutout on the final day, still held the lead in the track championships with three gold and two silver medals.

Germany was runnerup with 2-2-2.

Earlier Saturday, Swiss Bruno Risi won the men's individual points race and Carsten Podlesch of Germany beat Austrian Roland Konigshofer for gold in the motor-pace event.

Podlesch's title was last for motor-pace which will be eliminated out, along with tandem and the men's 50-kilometre team trials. The championships will conclude

Risi, 25, from Ersfield, captured Switzerland's only gold at the championships for his second world title in three years.

He finished with 35 points in the 100-lap event, winning six of the 20 sprints.

Denmark's Jan Bo Petersen was second with 18 points. Franz Stocker of Austria earned the bronze with 14 points.

Australian Stuart O'Grady finished fourth with 29 points (CQ), one lap behind the winner.

Road events begin Sunday with the men's 100-kilometre and the women's 50-kilometre team trials. The championships will conclude

Canadian wrestlers face tough opposition

VICTORIA (AFP) — Canada remained in contention here on Saturday for an unprecedented clean sweep of the 10 wrestling gold medals on offer at the 13th Commonwealth Games.

After putting a man in each of the five finals set for Saturday night, the hosts ensured their presence in the semi-finals of the remaining five events. They have not lost a bout in two days of action.

Indian grapplers earned four semi-final places on Saturday and were staring at

tough opposition. Kirpa Shankar in the 52-kg class, Dharambir Singh in the 62 kg and Sanjay Kumar in the 90 kg joined super heavyweight Jagdish Singh, given a bye into the last four.

Coach S.R. Sanga refused to celebrate, keeping fingers crossed.

"I am happy but there are difficult matches ahead and anything can happen," Sanga said.

Pakistani Fayaz Mohammad completed the Asian presence in the semi-finals

after he beat England's Shamir Singh in one of the day's toughest bouts, in the 74-kg class.

Kirpa Shankar's path into the last four was eased by an injury to his quarter-final opponent, Pakistani Razi Gui, who was trailing on points when he gave up with acting ribs.

Shankar faces Canadian Selvyn Tam, an easy victor over Kenya's Simon Lamach. Tam is a two-time Commonwealth champion known for his lightning on the mat.

Dharambir Singh won both his bouts against Scotsman James Breen and Irishman John O'Rawe, with ease and will wrestle highly-fancied Englishman John Mellor for a place in the final.

Sanjay Kumar struggled to beat another Scotsman, Graeme English, a seven-time British champion, in a bout that went into overtime after they tied 1-1 at the end of five minutes.

Sanjay Kumar's semi-final opponent will be Nigerian Victor Kodet.

LONDON, New Hampshire (R) — Brazil's Emerson Fittipaldi led 12 qualifiers, breaking the track record for Indy cars, at the one mile New Hampshire International Speedway on Saturday. Driving a Penske-Ilmor, the 47 year-old, two time series champion, averaged 175.091 mph.

Raul Boesel, also from Brazil, was second fastest, knocking Britain's Nigel Mansell, who set the record of 169.247mph in 1993, off

the front row for Sunday's 200-lap race in the last minute of the qualifying session. Both drove Lola Ford Cosworth cars.

Official results were de-

layed while Indycar officials

reviewed a question of

whether Boesel made more

than the two attempts per-

mitted under the rules. Boesel

averaged 173.856mph while

Mansell was slightly slower at 173.845mph.

Canada's Paul Tracy com-

pleted the second row with a speed of 173.422mph in 8

Penske-Ilmor.

Boesel aborted his first qualifying run when he was unhappy with the handling of the car. On Boesel's second attempt, Indycar officials radioed his team that the track wasn't clear and a caution flag was displayed.

"We had been advised and suggested by Wally (Dallenbach, Indycar's chief steward) that if I wanted to come in again I could. So I took the decision to adjust the car again," said Boesel.

In the closing minutes, Boesel's team presented his car to make what it felt was its second and final attempt. He took this opportunity to turn his fast lap.

This was Fittipaldi's first pole of the year and 16th of his career, earning him one point in the series champion where he trails teammate Al Unser Jr. by 35 points.

"That point was important," he said, adding "the championship is still open."

Mansell, the defending winner here and reigning series champion, felt that the handling of his car changed from the morning practice session to the afternoon qualifying. His Newman-Haas racing team took a gamble and lost.

"We guessed at the setting. I had an incredible push (understeer) and we took the risk of putting more wing in the car," he said.

Mansell didn't appear too upset with losing the front row spot to Boesel, who seemed to get one extra shot at the pole.

Obree takes no risks

PALERMO, Sicily (R) — Graeme Obree of Britain is taking no risks for his next world title quest in the 42 km men's time trial at Catania next Thursday.

He will use normal triathlon bars on his controversial bike instead of triathlon bars of his own design.

Obree changed the stubby bars that suited his downhill skier racing position, replacing them with extended triathlon bars to conform to the rules that outlawed his skier style and cost him the world 4,000 metres pursuit title on Tuesday. He won the seven last year.

"With my bars I did not feel in control. There was less control than there was with my original bike. With the normal triathlon bars it is more stable," he explained.

Obree's 18-inch bars were six or seven inches longer than normal triathlon bars, according to British team manager Sandy Gilchrist.

Obree needed that extra extension because of his long arms. He describes himself as a "human chimpanzee" and his extended reach is 76 inches, four inches more than the average for his height.

Riley stuns Brown

VICTORIA (AFP) — Samantha Riley produced the swim of her life to pull off the biggest upset yet in the Commonwealth swimming pool here on Saturday.

Riley chopped nearly three seconds of her personal best to claim the 200m breaststroke gold and leave 17-year-old world record holder Rebecca Brown trailing in her wake.

Only Brown and American Anita Nall have ever gone faster than Riley's games record of 2:25.53. Brown, who was visibly distraught after testing defeat in her first big competition outside Australia, trailed in 2:30.24 and knows now she faces a real challenge at the world championships in Rome next month.

"I don't know what went wrong," she said tearfully. "I swam a great heat but I must have just tensed up for the final."

A jubilant Riley, who had been shunted out of her role as the star of Australian breaststroking, attributed the dramatic improvement to increased aerobic and longer distance work under the guidance of coach Scott Volkers.

"Obviously I would like to go faster in Rome but I'm not going to start predicting any world records," she said.

The course of both races runs through a section of the Palermo-Capaci highway — the scene of the May 1992 murder of Australian Judge Giovanni Falcone.

Falcone, his wife and three police officers were killed by a powerful bomb as they drove to Palermo.

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A THINKING MAN'S DEFENSE

Both vulnerable. East deals:

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♦ K 9 7 4
♦ Q 6 2
♦ J 10

WEST
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♦ 7 7

♦ 8 5 4

EAST
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♦ 9 4

♦ A X 7 6

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The bidding:

East South West North

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3 ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Pass

Opening lead: Three of ♦

Follow the bidding and decide who, if anyone made a critical error. It cropped up in a rubber-bid game at the League Card Association in New York.

Since West had not yet bid, East's double of two diamonds was for takeout. South reckoned that North-South could make at least eight tricks at a no-trump contract,

since North almost surely held the kind of diamonds for the minor to two diamonds and had the advantage that the defense would be working more or less in the dark.

West led the fourth-best spade and declarer called for dummy's jack. East's king lost to the ace, and as the cards fell, declarer could claim nine tricks. South exited with the queen of hearts and queen of diamonds when he bid. East chose to return the diamonds but could not get five tricks before declarer raked in nine.

It might seem that everyone did what they were supposed to do. However, if you look at all four hands you will see that, had East withheld the monarch at the first trick, declarer would not have made more than eight tricks.

But what if declarer held ace and another spade? Then declarer would always be entitled to two spade tricks. Since declarer surely held both the queen of hearts and queen of diamonds, the only hope for the defense was that West had started with five diamonds. If West had declarer a bare ace, had East played low to the first trick declarer would have been forced to cash out to avoid a three-trick set.

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Canadians cheer double gold strike

VICTORIA (AFP) — Canadians fans at the Commonwealth pool, sick of a diet of non-stop Australian swimming success, were finally given something to cheer about with a double gold strike in the diving here on Saturday.

Canada's Jason Napper came from behind to snatch the 1m springboard gold from Australian Michael Murphy with a superb final dive while Anne Montminy led the hosts to a clean sweep in the women's 10m platform.

Napper's inward 2.5 somersaults in the tuck position was one of the two most difficult dives performed during the competition and his execution was good enough to draw marks of 9.0 from the two of the seven judges.

"I knew that sizes or sevens would be good enough for a medal, so I was thinking about just trying to get my head in the water. But the other side of me tapped me on the shoulder and said 'to go for gold,'" Napper said.

Evan Stewart won Zimbabwe's first medal of the games when he took the bronze.

Napper now heads for the world championship in Rome believing he is capable of creating a surprise. "It's my day, watch out," he said.

Montminy took control of her competition with a near perfect fourth dive — 1.5 somersaults with a half twist — that earned her four 9.5's from the judges.

A poor entry on her penultimate dive cut her lead but neither Paige Gordon, who moved from third to second with her 8th and final effort, nor Myriam Boileau were able to take advantage.



Australian Aaron Everett (left) and Masiule Makepula of South Africa trade punches during their 48 kg preliminary bout at the XV Commonwealth Games in Victoria, British Columbia. Makepula won the bout (AFP photo)

Swan thanks his school bullies

VICTORIA (AFP) — Tiny James Swan, who took up boxing after being picked on at school, thanked his former bullies after a gritty victory at the Commonwealth Games here on Saturday.

Australian Aborigine Swan, just 1.63, beat Indian Devavarajan Venkatesh on points in first-round featherweight contest at the Archie Browning Sports Centre.

The unemployed boxer said: "Basically, I did not think the bullies for it then, but I do thank them now because it made me tough."

Born in Alice Springs to a 14-year-old mother, Swan was going to be taken into care before his grandparents took him under their wing.

"I'm fighting for the memory of my late grandmother," said Swan. "And my grandfather had stroke in 1992 and I want him to go to heaven contended — by me winning a medal here."

"I know how seriously I have to take the fighting game — hopefully I will go

back with the gold medal. I have never won."

"It was a real David and Goliath bout — he was so big! But I had the aggression to take the fight up to him. I had to keep moving and keep my punches going up."

The 20-year-old Swan added: "I thought I won it because he kept running backwards and kept covering up on the ropes."

Swan, who has received fan mail from all over Australia, feels he's in the right frame of mind to win the title.

"I'm on a natural high, I have a good feeling, and I want to keep it that way," he said.

Swan now faces Guyana's Hugo Lewis for a place in the semi-final.

Venkatesh scored well with body punches, but Swan hit his opponent with a flurry of shots in the final seconds of the first round to lead 3-2.

Venkatesh used his greater reach in the second round to level at 4-4, though Ven-

ketesh bowed to Swan in apology when he hit him after the bell.

But Swan concentrated boxing up close and went on to win 7-5 as the Indian tired.

Force overtook the boxing here when Northern Ireland's featherweight hope Adrian Pettersen was forced to enter the ring for a bout he knew would not take place.

Pettersen, whose opponent Victor Kgabung of Botswana had scratched earlier on Saturday, climbed into the ring with the referee, stood in a neutral corner and was even greeted by the bell to start the fight.

In the light-flyweight division South Africa's Masiule Makepula beat Australia's Aaron Everett on points, and India's Birju Sahu ousted Northern Ireland's Colin Moffett.

Zambia's flyweight Bafana Mnkuka stopped Sri Lanka's Llandari Kulatunge with 27 seconds to go of the final round in another first-round bout.

"I think Ilie will capture

LONDON (R) — Juergen Klinsmann lived up to his pre-season billing as the most sensational recruit to English soccer with the winning goal in Tottenham's dramatic 4-3 victory on the opening day of the Premier League season.

The German striker was one of three foreign players to score on their debuts on Saturday, and justify English clubs' raids into the ranks of this summer's World Cup stars.

Tottenham, audacious in the close-season transfer market, were equally adventurous on the pitch as manager Ossie Ardiles fielded a five-man attacking line-up against Sheffield Wednesday that had his opposite number



Manchester United winger Andrei Kanchelskis (left) is dispossessed by Queen's Park Rangers' Andrew Ince at Old Trafford (AFP photo)

have started with a victory, especially playing away from home. It's a great start."

If Tottenham's start was great, Liverpool's was outstanding as they slammed six goals past newly-promoted Crystal Palace in a game that recalled memories of their 9-0 destruction of the same opponents in a cup tie five years ago.

"Our defending was horrific," wailed Palace manager Alan Smith. "The goals were going in at will. It was a painful lesson for us and it is going to be a bloody hard season for us."

Veteran striker Ian Rush scored twice, as did young winger Steve McManaman as Liverpool produced the type of attacking football that was sorely missing in a disappointing campaign last season.

Liverpool manager Roy Evans said: "I'm pleased with such a convincing scoreline on the first day. We are capable of beating teams heavily if we keep our consistency."

Manchester United began their quest to become only the fourth side to win the English championship in three successive seasons with a 2-0 win at home to Queen's Park Rangers.

But the two sides were the first to be exposed to the new crackdown by referees on foul play, with each having a player sent off.

Queen's Park Rangers' defender Clive Wilson was dismissed after just seven minutes for a professional foul, while United's second-half substitute, defender Paul Parker, was sent off seven minutes after coming on.

Medals no surprise to Sri Lankan shooters

VICTORIA (AFP) — Lakshman Rajasinghe, a lieutenant colonel with the Sri Lankan army, rues the fact that he does not get enough time to practice with the rifle on a shooting range.

He is usually busy on the battle-field against Tamil guerrillas fighting for their own homeland in the island's north.

He barely managed to squeeze in an hour's practice daily in the run-up to the Commonwealth Games.

But that did not prevent the 39-year-old army officer, in combination with navy captain D.H. Chandrasiri, from springing a huge surprise at the Games Saturday by shooting down a team silver medal in the standard-bore rifle event.

He said he and his partner,

who also is involved in combat operations, were not too disappointed that they missed the gold, which went to the New Zealand pair of Lindsay Arthur and Stephen Pettersen, because the Sri Lankan shooters made up for their lapses.

"We feel great, really overjoyed," Rajasinghe said, after waking up his wife Shamee back home in Sri Lanka with a telephone call to tell her the news. "She was overjoyed too, told me to be happy and not be disappointed at missing the gold."

It may have been a surprise to everybody else here, but the Sri Lankans had been confident they would put up a good shooting show.

The women's gold and men's silver medals — the Indian Ocean island's first in

the Commonwealth Games since 1950 — were not a flash in the pan, Rajasinghe said.

"Before we left Colombo, the secretary of defence gave us a party and we promised him we would bring back a medal," Rajasinghe said.

"We hold a good record in the South Asian Federation Games and we thought we had a good chance here."

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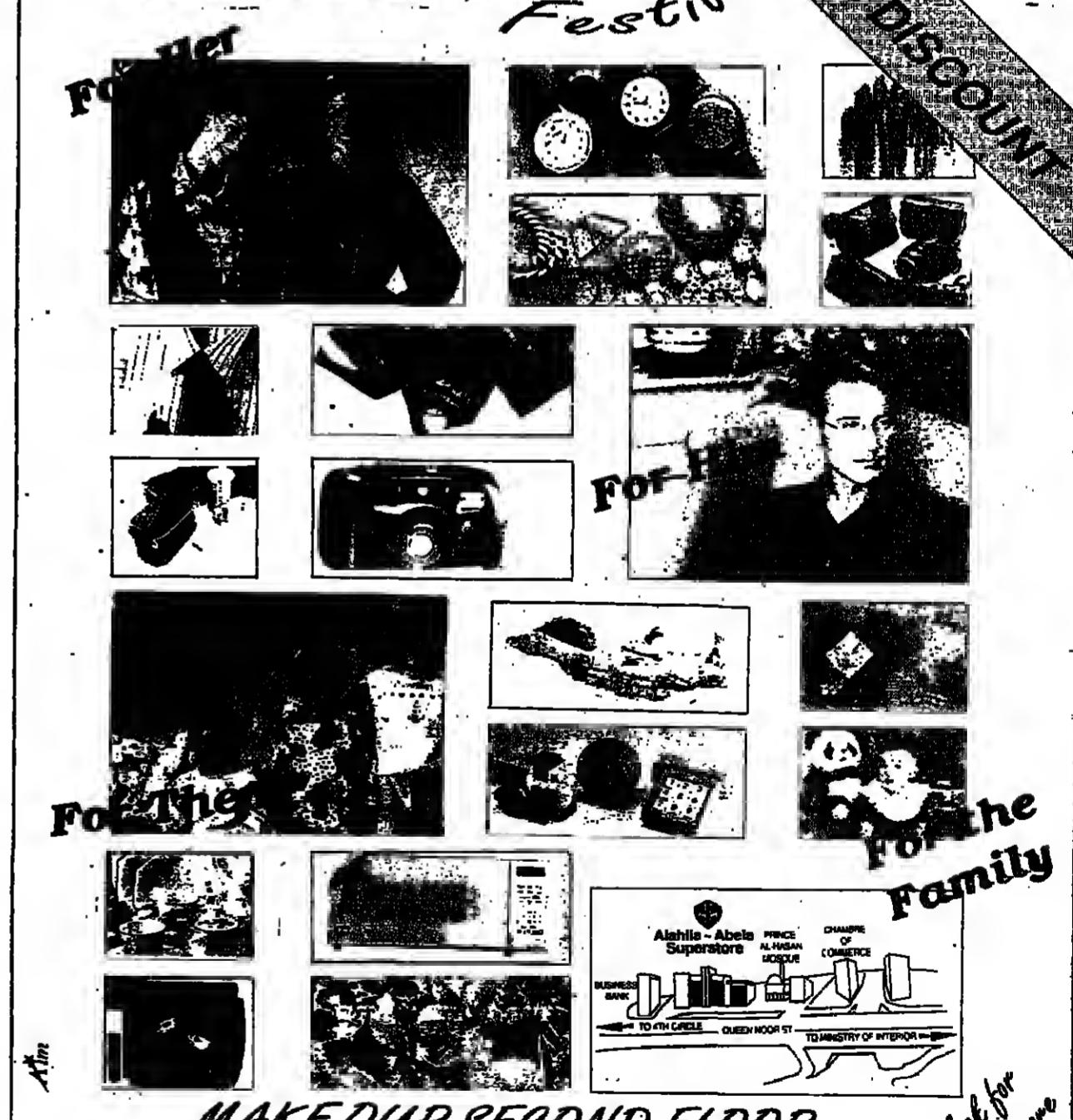
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Iraq, S. Arabia want league to discuss PoWs

CAIRO (AFP) — Iraq and Saudi Arabia have both called on the Arab League to discuss the issue of Gulf prisoners of war (PoWs) at its meeting of foreign ministers next month, league officials said here Sunday. Iraq's representative at the 22-member organisation, Nabil Nejim, told AFP his country has asked the league to add "the issue of its prisoners and civilian detainees" in Saudi Arabia to the agenda. Thousands of Iraqis were taken prisoner during the January-February, 1991 Gulf war, most of them after surrendering to the U.S.-led allied forces which freed Kuwait from Iraqi occupation. The Iraqis live in camps in Saudi Arabia, where some have asked for political asylum and others have moved to third countries as refugees. Riyadh has itself called for the Sept. 14 meeting to examine the issue of "Saudi prisoners held by Iraq after the invasion of Kuwait," in August 1990, league diplomats said. The Saudi prisoners are believed to be among some 800 PoWs that Kuwait accuses Iraq of holding since the Gulf crisis, a charge denied by Baghdad.

Israel realls Palestinians

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Israeli troops near the Jericho self-rule area detained three just-released former Palestinian prisoners who were trying to reach their homes in the still-occupied West Bank, security sources said on Sunday. Israel released 247 Palestinian prisoners into the Jericho area on Friday but insisted those who lived outside the self-rule zone must remain there until the end of their sentences. The sources said soldiers at a roadblock just north of Jericho stopped overnight and detained three of the freed men driving toward their homes in still-occupied Nablus. The three are being held in an Israeli jail, the sources said.

Musa to visit Israel at end of August

CAIRO (AFP) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa said Saturday he would visit Israel "at the end of August" to discuss the Middle East peace process. In an interview published in the Egyptian daily Al Ahram, Mr. Musa said he hoped an Israeli-Syrian peace accord would be signed before Israel's elections, set for 1996. He stressed the need for "a complete Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights," seized from Syria in 1967 and annexed in 1981. "The Syrians cannot agree to establish peace (with Israel) as long as part of their territory remains occupied," Mr. Musa said.

Iran alarmed at crime among Afghans

TEHRAN (AFP) — Iran is alarmed at the rise of crime among Afghan refugees that has put security at risk in the holy city of Mashhad, an official said Sunday. The governor of Khorasan province, Ismael Mofidi, told Abrar newspaper that the level of crime had reached a peak among the refugees living in his province, especially in Mashhad. The refugees should be rehoused "in designated locations where they would live under specific regulations," he said. Trafficking in arms and heroin, kidnapping, murder, rape and robbery had reached a "level in some districts of Mashhad that it has become intolerable for the city's residents" and put security at risk, said the governor. Mr. Mofidi said there were about "80,000 heroin addicts, 50,000 illegal marriages and 180,000 illegitimate children" among the Afghan population of Khorasan. By Iranian law, Afghan men are not allowed to marry Iranian women, although the opposite is tolerated. Several Muslim clergymen among the refugees have "illegally published and distributed religious books in Mashhad," said Mr. Mofidi, adding that "they have not been approved" by Iran's Shi'ite Muslim authorities. Mashhad is home to the country's holiest Shi'ite shrine, the mausoleum of 7th Imam Reza. Nearly two million Afghans who fled the 1979 Soviet invasion and the ensuing civil war still live in Iran, of whom 1.25 million have been granted resident permits.

Cypriots refused entry to Albania

NICOSIA (R) — The Albanian government stopped a Cypriot parliamentary delegation entering the country to observe the trial of five ethnic Greeks, the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation said on Sunday. "The regime has refused, without explanation, to allow the delegation's visit to Tirana in order to observe the trial," CBC radio said. The four-member delegation, which is now in London in northern Greece, had planned to meet Albanian government officials and Greek community representatives in Tirana. It also wanted to investigate reports of human rights abuses against ethnic Greeks, the radio said. Those on trial are accused of "corrupting several boys and girls" in the town of Lahijan on the Caspian Sea, Resalat said. Prostitution was banned in Iran after the 1979 Islamic revolution and brothels were closed.

Prostitution ring smashed in Iran

TEHRAN (AFP) — Police have smashed a prostitution ring in northern Iran and arrested 13 people, including 11 teenaged boys and girls, a newspaper reported Sunday. The ring members, including a couple who established the business, were accused of "corrupting several boys and girls" in the town of Lahijan on the Caspian Sea, Resalat said. Prostitution was banned in Iran after the 1979 Islamic revolution and brothels were closed.

Berber will be taught in Morocco schools

RABAT (R) — The Berber language spoken for many centuries by Moroccan tribes will be taught in future in primary schools as well as Arabic, King Hassan announced. A dozen Berber cultural associations, who claim Morocco is an essentially Berber not an Arab country from the ethnic point of view, have been campaigning for years to get their language taught in state schools. In a broadcast on Saturday night marking the 41st anniversary of the exiling of his father by French protectorate authorities, the king said: "The safeguard of our dialects is a necessity, because the west has invaded our homes... where Arabic and a mixture of other foreign languages is spoken." It is far more preferable that the mixture be of Arabic and our dialects, Tarifit, Tamazight and Tashelhit. It is our duty to combat this mixture by introducing teaching of our dialects at least in primary schools." The Tashelhit dialect is spoken in the Souss area of the south, Tamazight in the mountains, and Tarifit in the rift mountain area of the north which the king is due to tour next month. Arabic is the official language.

British mothers visit children in Libya

NICOSIA (AFP) — Twelve British mothers arrived in Libya to visit their children on a trip organised by Tripoli, a British diplomat told AFP by telephone from Libya Sunday. Allen Brown, head of the British interests section in Tripoli, said the mothers had been separated from their children because they were "unwilling or unable" to follow the children's Libyan fathers to Libya. They arrived in Libya on Thursday for a two-week stay. Some of the mothers had problems seeing their children in the past because of "difficulties put in their way by the fathers," Mr. Brown added, without elaborating. He said it was the first such trip to be organised by the Libyan authorities, and estimated the number of children involved at up to "two dozen." The U.N. Security Council imposed an air and arms embargo on Libya in 1992 to force it to hand over two Libyans wanted by the West in connection with the December 1988 Lockerbie airliner bombing. The embargo was tightened last December with a ban on certain equipment used in the oil industry.

Mortar wounds Israeli soldier

KIRYAT SHMONA (Agencies) — Guerrillas lobbed mortar bombs at an army outpost in an area of northern Israel close to the border with Lebanon on Sunday, wounding one soldier, security sources said.

The army confirmed one soldier was lightly wounded in the attack, but said no further details were immediately available.

Last year, following a week-long Israeli air-and-artillery retaliatory onslaught on South Lebanon villages, Hezbollah guerrillas agreed not to strike at northern Israel if the Jewish state refrained from attacks on Lebanese civilians.

Earlier, security sources in South Lebanon said Israeli gunners and guerrillas exchanged artillery fire there on Sunday, wounding one civilian.

Israeli forces shelled the outskirts of the village of Brachit after one of their positions on the edge of the Jewish state's occupation zone in the south came under a rocket attack, the sources added.

Hizbullah (Party of God) claimed responsibility for the attack against the Israeli post at Dahr Al Jamal hill. There were no reports of casualties in the rocket assault.

The civilian, wounded by an Israeli shell in Brachit, was rushed to hospital with serious head wounds, the sources said.

A civilian was killed and three were wounded on Saturday when Israeli gunners shelled the village of Arab Salim, prompting guerrillas to fire mortar bombs and rockets at three Israeli posts in the buffer strip.

Later on Saturday, Hezbollah set off a bomb near a car in the Israeli zone, wounding two passengers inside, security sources said.

Israeli troops continued to shell suspected guerrilla bases in South Lebanon on Sunday.

Security sources had no immediate word on casualties from the sporadic bombardment that concentrated on Jabal Raffah, Arab Salim, Kafra and Yater, strongholds of Hezbollah.

The civilian fatality in Arab Salim on Saturday was the first by Israeli fire since an Aug. 4 Israeli air raid killed eight and injured 17 in the village of Deir Al Zahra, eight kilometres west of Arab Salim.

Israel called the raid a mistake and apologised. But guerrillas retaliated by firing rockets on northern Israel, slightly injuring three Israelis.

On Saturday, President Boris Yeltsin's envoy reaffirmed Russia's commitment to Middle East peace efforts and Lebanon's foreign minister said Moscow can play an active role in reviving the stalled talks.

Special emissary Victor Posovayuk's visit coincided with the renewed violence in South Lebanon, underlining the volatility of the situation peace envoys confront when tackling the Middle East conflict.

Mr. Posovayuk held separate meetings with President Elias Hrawi and Foreign Minister Fariz Bzeij on the first leg of a Middle East tour to rebuild Moscow's influence in the region.

Any amendment to the 1964 PNC charter must be endorsed by two thirds of the council's 480 members, who represent all the PLO's factions.

Mr. Posovayuk said Mr. Arafat did not formally request the convening of the assembly and said the issue needs to be discussed by the PLO leadership.

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JORDAN-PLO TALKS: Jordanian and Palestinian delegations, headed by Prime Minister Abdal Salam Majali and

Yasser Arafat, meet at the Foreign Ministry on Sunday (see page one) (AFP photo)

Iraqi oil may flow again in spring

By Mariam M. Shahin
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Iraqi oil may begin to flow as soon as next spring provided that the United Nations' monitoring team of Iraqi weapon sites is satisfied with the country's "performance," U.N. personnel arriving here from Iraq say.

"There are no guarantees, of course, but I am willing to bet that by next summer Iraqi oil will be flowing again," said a member of the U.N. monitoring delegation passing through Amman this week.

International pressure on the United States and Britain to ease sanctions and allow oil sales to Asian as well as European countries with considerable business interest in Iraq, have thus far proved futile at Security Council meetings which have reviewed the embargo.

If the monitoring operation begins in September, as provisionally expected, then pressure on the Security Council to ease sanctions and the embargo on oil sales would increase dramatically.

Veiled diplomatic moves by Iraq to Europe, Asia and even reported meetings with Israelis have put Iraq back on the fast track.

Iraqi oil has trickling to

several neighbouring countries. Both Iran and Turkey are reportedly receiving Iraqi oil at discount prices, and unofficial trade through both the Kurdish north and the Shite south continues. The only U.N. approved transfer of oil from Iraq is to Jordan.

U.S. officials have said that

the low price of oil has prevented its Gulf allies, such as Saudi Arabia, from approving Iraq's reentry into the oil markets.

Representatives of European governments have even linked the lifting of the oil embargo to the political situation in Algeria.

"If and when Algeria falls to the fundamentalists, the Algerian oil market will be probably be embargoed and then we will have to open up to Iraq again," a senior European diplomat in Amman told the Jordan Times.

Some Asian officials have reportedly urged the Iraqi government to "opt for the Iranian alternative," by allying itself with the country with which it was at war for eight years. "Through Iran they can keep anything they want on the international market," said one Asian diplomat.

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plomat close to Baghdad. But Iraq is unlikely to heed such advice, say Amman-based analysts.

While there are longstanding trade relations with both Iran and Turkey, Iraq has always looked West in its trade relations and diplomatic endeavours.

"The European and Asian delegations that have been visiting Iraq have all something on their agenda," said one analyst of Iraqi politics. "Something is cooking up."

Recent visits by Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tarek Aziz to Morocco and a previous visit to Italy at the beginning of the summer might have involved talk of a possible dialogue with the Israelis, the analyst said.

Morocco has been a tradition-

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PLO officials urge Arafat not to amend covenant

Mr. Hahash and other senior PLO members critical of the agreements with Israel on Palestinian self-rule met with Mr. Arafat Saturday night at his former office in a Tunis suburb.

Mr. Arafat flew to Tunis Saturday and also met with Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali.

Although Mr. Arafat has moved his headquarters to the autonomous Gaza Strip, the PLO's foreign relations department remains in the Tunisian capital.

Dr. Hahash said the leaders also reviewed relations with Jordan after King Hussein signed a non-belligerency agreement with Israel that recognised a special Jordanian role in administering Muslim sites in Jerusalem.

Sources close to the meeting said the PLO leaders urged Mr. Arafat to avoid a crisis with Jordan and try to resolve the issue quietly.

The participants also discussed recent tension between the Palestinian National Authority and Hamas in the Gaza Strip following attacks by the fundamentalist movement on Israeli settlers in Jerusalem.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the leaders warned Mr. Arafat against confrontation with Hamas, which they said will weaken the Palestinian authority and may even risk civil war.

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Absent from the talks was PLO Executive Committee member Mahmoud Abbas, a staunch supporter of the peace process and who signed the self-rule accord with Israel.

Aides refused to discuss the reason for his absence.

Senior Palestinian officials outside Tunis also insisted Sunday Israel must redeploy its troops on the West Bank before the PLO amends its charter.

"The time has not yet come to convene the PLO Executive National Council," said Mohammad Sobieh.

The secretary general of the PNC told the Israeli newspaper Haaretz: "It is out of the question for the PNC to meet under the protection of the Israeli security services and while the occupation continues."

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres gave the green light on Friday for the PNC to convene in Gaza, temporarily removing several members of the Palestinian parliament from an Israeli blockade.

The Palestinians had complained that the body could not meet because Israel was barring dozens of its 500 members from entering the self-rule areas.

A government source said Sunday that PNC members who were denied access to Gaza or Jericho because of

the self-rule areas.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the country's civil protection service said on Algerian radio Sunday the situation in the area around Marsea was "one hundred per cent under control."

Out of a total of 289 people initially admitted to hospital, around 117 were still being treated, said the spokesman.

Relief services were visiting the surrounding areas to distribute aid and transport any people injured in remote villages to hospital, he said.

Meanwhile, overseas aid continued to arrive in Algeria, the radio said.

ALGIERS (AFP) — Children made up over half the dead in a powerful earthquake that shook Algeria's Marsea region on Thursday, the Algerian Interior Ministry said Sunday.

According to official figures, 90 out of the 171 people killed by the quake were under 15 years old. A further 63 dead were aged between 15 and 55, while the remaining 18 were over 55.

The ministry also said 1,503 tents had been sent to Marsea to house the estimated 10,000 people made homeless by the quake.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the country's civil protection service said on Algerian radio Sunday the situation in the area around Marsea was "one hundred per cent under control."

The ministry also said the pair were in a state of extreme exhaustion when discovered, and had only survived by drinking drops of water which formed on the inside of the mineshaft because of high humidity levels.

The pair went missing after going on a potholing expedition on July 27 down a former nickel mine near Szklary, southwestern Poland, according to the TV report, which said they were only reported missing on Aug. 17. They had been unable to make their way out of a 20-metre deep mineshaft because of faulty equipment.

When they were found Saturday they were suffering from extreme exhaustion, their body temperature having fallen to 35 degrees Celsius (95 degrees Fahrenheit), the television report said. Doctors at the hospital to which the pair were taken said the pair had each lost 10 kilograms (22 pounds) in weight. They kept track of time by the arrivals and departures of bats from their underground cell, it said.

Students survive 23 days trapped in mine

WARSAW (AFP) — Rescue workers Saturday saved two geology students trapped for 23 days down a disused mine with no food or drink, Polish television reported.

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Carlos will betray followers — Pasqua

Magdalena Kopp, of Germany's Red Army faction, the guerrilla sent his letter to the French ambassador to the Netherlands, Jean-Daniel Jorgenson.

Mr. Jorgenson and Mr. Deffere fought side-by-side in the wartime resistance in the same clandestine group, and the former was thus a perfect intermediary.

He said he was asked to act as a mediator with Carlos by French authorities in the 1980s, when he was defending Ms. Kopp.

Raising the stakes, Mr. Vergez charged that President Francois Mitterrand had approved a secret service plot to assassinate him in the early 1980s.

Over the past week, Stasi files have been variously quoted as implicating Mr. Vergez in an attack on a French nuclear plant in 1982, and branding him an "operational member" of Carlos's

group in the 1980s.

Mr. Vergez also allegedly offered to mediate between Carlos and the Paris government to try to put an end to guerrilla outrages.